

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

With this amendment, claims 1-6 and 31 are pending. Claim 30 has been canceled and claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 30.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-6 and 31 were rejected as allegedly obvious over Leppa in view of Noteborn. Claim 30 was objected to as dependent on a rejected claim. The Examiner stated that claim 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Without acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection, Applicants have amended base claim 1 to incorporate all the limitations of claim 30. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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